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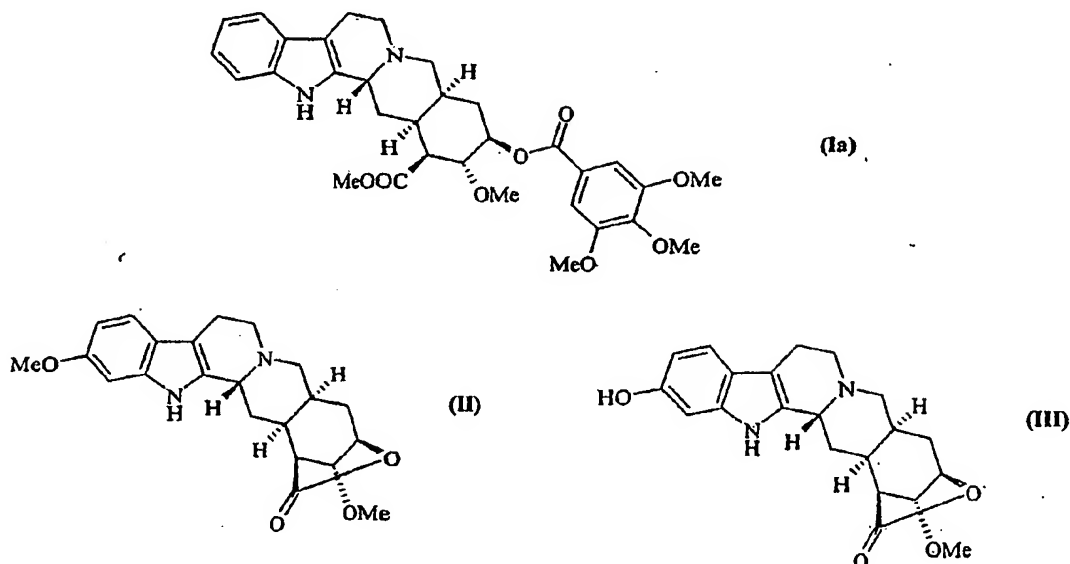
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to an efficient procedure for the synthesis of deserpidine (Ia), starting from reserpine acid lactone (II) via the intermediate 11-O-demethyl reserpine (III).